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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 14-275 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2004*):

6 (c) Each school bus shall be equipped with special automatic,
7 electrically-operated flashing stop signals, which shall be independent
8 and separate from the braking, stop and tail lights of standard
9 equipment. Such flashing lights may include automatic traffic
10 signalling devices showing red and amber lights and shall be so
11 located that adequate warning will be afforded to both oncoming and
12 overtaking traffic, except that each school bus manufactured on and
13 after October 1, 1984, and registered for use in this state shall be
14 equipped with an eight-light warning system, showing two red

15 flashing stop signals and two amber flashing warning signals on the
16 front and rear of the bus, and a stop semaphore. The commissioner
17 may adopt standards for an eight-light warning system and standards
18 and specifications for the construction of school buses and for
19 equipment to be maintained on school buses consistent with the
20 provisions of sections 14-275 to 14-281, inclusive. Both public and
21 private owners of school buses shall maintain a record of such kinds of
22 repairs made to such buses as the commissioner may require and such
23 work record shall be available at all times to the commissioner and the
24 commissioner's designated assistants. All such maintenance records
25 shall be retained for a period of two years. Each school bus shall be
26 equipped with emergency lighting equipment as provided by section
27 14-97a, with a defrosting device as provided by section 14-97, with a
28 system of mirrors as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations Title
29 49, Section 571.111, as amended, or with an outside mirror as provided
30 by section 14-99 and a system of crossover mirrors designed and
31 mounted so as to give the driver a view of the road from the front
32 bumper forward to a point where direct observation is possible and
33 along the left and right sides of the bus, with a signalling device as
34 provided by section 14-101, and with chain nonskid devices for
35 immediate use on at least one outside or inside rear tire on each side or
36 tires designed to prevent skidding on all rear wheels when weather
37 and highway conditions require such use. Commencing February 1,
38 1974, each new school bus with a vehicle air brake system shall be so
39 equipped that the brake system is operated from a separate air
40 reservoir tank other than the air reservoir tank used to operate any
41 other compressed air or vacuum operated devices with which the
42 school bus may be equipped. The seating requirements of section 14-
43 273 shall be observed. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-98,
44 school buses may be equipped with tires incorporating a metal
45 nonskid device during the period from October fifteenth to April
46 thirtieth, inclusive. Commencing January 1, 2005, each school bus shall
47 be equipped with safety seat belts and each child being transported on
48 a school bus shall be restrained in a safety seat belt while being
49 transported."